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AND DRIVER SYSTEM WITH INCREASED
INSERTION TORQUE TOLERANCE AND
ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR MAKING AND
USING SAME

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 22, 2004, the time period
for response ending on January 22, 2005, Applicants respectfully submit the following
amendments for entry in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of
this Amendment.

Remarks begin on Page 4 of this Amendment.